

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are canceled and newly added Claims 15-28 are presented for examination. The newly presented claims are added to comply with U.S. patent practice by deleting multiple claim dependencies. Otherwise, the newly presented claims embrace comparable subject matter as the originally filed claims (PCT Rule 66.8(a)). Be advised that new Claims 27 and 28 are both based on original Claim 13.

No new matter has been added, and the new set of claims does not go beyond the disclosure of the international application as filed. Thus, PCT Article 34(2)(b) is not violated. All of the claims presented can be substantiated by the application as originally filed.

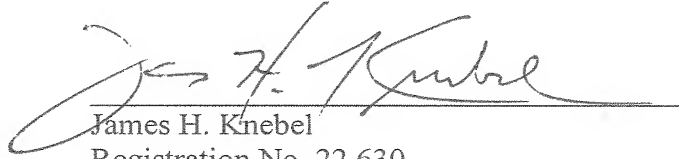
An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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